

The original idea of protecting clear channel AM stations has come and gone with ease, the internet, cable, satellite, etc. Emergency communications can be obtained from so many other sources these days, that the reason for protecting them is obsolete and cannot be justified. Broadcasters on AM that have limited or no power at all should be allowed to stay on full daytime power 24/7 and allowed to serve their community of license. Skywave signals from large markets do NO GOOD in a small community that wants to cover the local council meetings, sports, community affairs, etc. A 50kw station in large market america will not be bothered inside of its 5MV signal contour by a station running 1kw hundreds of miles away or visa versa. Consolidation and moves to large communitys have left rural small markets with little (daytime only) or no full time service. At minimum Local daytime stations should be allowed a minimum power to cover their community of license. It is a localism issue, it is a safety issue, it is a service to the community issue! It can be fixed. What say you??